



## Aruban fisherman receive recognition at Hadicurari Center

June 29 is the International Fisherman's Day, as declared by the FAO of the United Nations. It honors the men that make their living in a difficult and demanding profession, often handed down from one generation to the next.

The Hadicurari Fishing Center, located between the Marriott Resort and MooMba Beach Bar and Restaurant has been the social and working center for Aruban fishermen for decades, and was recently replaced with a new building that is the offices of their federation and the Coastal Zone Management.

On June 29, Minister of Culture, Labor and Sport, Ramon Lee, and Vice-President of the Parliament Zulay van Poppel-Marquez honored Aruba's "piscadornan" by dedicating the road that accesses the beach to the federation and its members. Together with Jacobo "Cobito" and Juan Henriquez, and Johannes "Coichi" Eduwardo of the Hadicurari federation they unveiled the new road sign declaring the approaching roadway "Barea di Piscado."

The gathering of fishermen and government representatives then retired to the second floor balcony of the Hadicurari to enjoy the spectacular view of the new pier and a celebratory toast. The dedication ceremony is part of the weekend honoring Aruba's fishermen, which continues today with their annual fishing contest adjacent to the center. The public is welcome to attend this festive day with music, booths offering native cuisine, and reasonably priced beverages. Competitors take the sea at dawn to attempt to win trophies for the largest fish and the biggest haul combined. They will begin returning with their catch around noon, and the awards will be presented at 5:00 PM.

The staff of THE NEWS congratulates the fishermen on their special day, and for the honor they have won maintaining this Aruban tradition of living from the sea.